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Saturday, July 8th

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11:00 AM	Precious Miss Bedford County Fair	Girls 0-11 months
11:30 AM	Baby Miss Bedford County Fair	Girls 12-23 months
12:00 PM	Toddler Miss Bedford County Fair	Girls 2-3 years
12:30 PM	Tiny Miss Bedford County Fair	Girls 4-5 years
1:00 PM	Petite Miss Bedford County Fair	Girls 6-7 years
1:30 PM	Little Miss Bedford County Fair	Girls 8-10 years
2:00 PM	Junior Miss Bedford County Fair	Girls 11-12 years
3:30 PM	Ms./Mrs. Bedford Supreme	21-49 years, single or married
3:30 PM	Golden Girl <i>in memory of Joan Pimental</i>	50+, single or married
4:00 PM	Young Miss Bedford County Fair	Girls 13-15 years
4:30 PM	Queen Reunion	
5:00 PM	Miss Bedford County Fairest of the Fair	Girls 16-20 years

*All pageants held at Shelbyville Central High School Auditorium

Sunday, July 16th

1:00 PM - 5:00 PM	Receiving Home Ec/Ag exhibits
1:00 PM	Receiving Green Thumb Challenge entries
2:00 PM	Judging Green Thumb Challenge entries
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM	Receiving Hat Contest entries

Monday, July 17th

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM	Home Ec/Ag Exhibit Judging
5:00 PM	Open Dairy Heifer Show
6:00 PM	Opening Ceremony
6:00 PM	Green Thumb Challenge awards
6:00 PM - 9:00 PM.	Home Ec/Ag Exhibits open to the public
6:00 PM	4-H Chick Chain
7:30 PM	Youth Competition Night
7:30 PM	Kids Pedal Pull
7:30 PM	Mala Patterson - Entertainment
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Tuesday, July 18th

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Home Ec/Ag Exhibits open to the public
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Cruise-In
6:00 PM	Open Beef Show
7:00 PM	Boots, Beaus, and Bling Pageant/Mother Daughter Look-Alike Contest
7:30 PM	Decorate a Hat Contest (Building #2)

Wednesday, July 19th

10:00 AM	Senior Citizens Day
10:00 AM	Youth Day @ Ag Extension Center
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Rooster Crowning contest registration
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Receiving Poultry and Rabbit entries
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Receiving Open & Junior Egg entries
10:00 AM - 6:00 PM	Receiving Ugly Chicken entries
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Home Ec/Ag Exhibits open to the public
7:00 PM.	Fun Dog Show registration
7:00 PM	Cornhole Tournament
7:00 PM	Faith/Patriotic Night - Josh Schwartz, Speaker
7:30 PM	Fun Dog Show
7:30 PM	Brett Bone - Entertainment

Bedford County Agriculture and Education Center
2119 Midland Rd., Shelbyville, TN 37160
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Thursday, July 20th

10:00 AM - 2:00 PM	Special Needs Day
4:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Home Ec/Ag Exhibits open to the public
5:00 PM	Mullet & Beard/Mustache Contest Registration
6:00 PM	Smoker Truck & Tractor Pull registration
6:00 PM	Mullet Contest
6:00 PM	Human Crowning Registration
6:30 PM	Beard/Mustache Contest
6:30 PM	Rooster Crowning/Human Crowning Contest
7:00 PM	Smoker Truck & Tractor Pull
	<i>There will be a 50/50 Drawing (Board Members & their immediate family not eligible to win)</i>
7:00 PM	Mid-State Cloggers - Entertainment
8:00 PM	Karaoke - Entertainment

Friday, July 21st

4:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Home Ec/Ag exhibits open to the public
6:00 PM	Mini Pull registration
6:00 PM	Open Sheep Show
7:00 PM	Bill Tarkington & Co. - Entertainment
7:00 PM	Mini Pull
7:00 PM	All Pleasure Horse Show
8:00 PM	Double Shot - Entertainment

Saturday, July 22nd

1:00 PM - 9:00 PM	Home Ec/Ag Exhibits open to the public
2:30 PM	Donkeys & Mini Mules Registration
3:00 PM	Central Region 4-H Meat Goat Show
3:00 PM	Donkeys, Mini Mules, Gaited Mules, Draft Mules and Horses Show
5:00 PM	Antique Tractor Pull
6:30 PM	Poultry & Rabbit Show awards (Building #2)
6:30 PM	Salem Creek - Entertainment
8:30 PM	Buddy Jewell - Entertainment

Sunday, July 23rd

1:00 PM - 3:00 PM	Home Ec/Ag Exhibits Pickup
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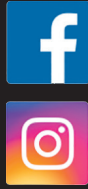
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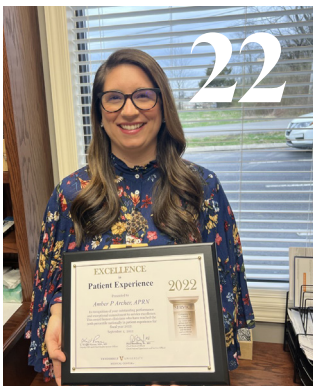
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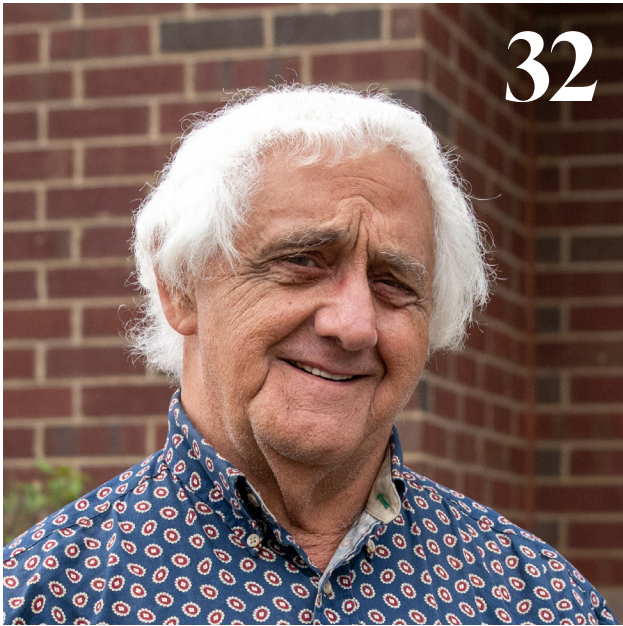
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LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

The Future is Bright

The next generation is made of strength, light, and courage.

WHEN I think of the next generation, I feel excitement. I want this issue of Good News to be a joyous celebration of the young adults who will be the leaders of tomorrow, carrying the torch of progress and making our community and the world a better place. I am confident that the future is in good hands.

We live in a time of uncertainty; it's easy to succumb to worry and doubt the next generation. However, when we truly examine the next generation, we witness a source of boundless optimism. These young men and women are driven, compassionate, and brimming with innovative ideas. They possess a remarkable ability to empathize with others and understand the challenges that lie before them.

Our communities will flourish and thrive because of these remarkable individuals. They have shown us what it means to be resilient, resourceful, and committed to making a positive impact. With each passing

day, they inspire us with their determination, their unwavering belief in a better future, and their tireless efforts to bring about meaningful change.

I am humbled by the energy and passion radiating from these future leaders. They remind us that we must nurture their dreams and provide them with the support and guidance they need. By doing so, we can ensure that their potential is unleashed and that they have every opportunity to flourish.

The world may face challenges, but I firmly believe that with the next generation at the helm, we have every reason to be hopeful. They possess the ability to bridge divides, find common ground, and create innovative solutions to the most pressing issues of our time. They are determined to leave a lasting legacy of compassion, equality, and sustainability.

From someone who is a part of the next generation, this issue features young adults under the age of 35 who are making a lasting impact on the place we call home. GN


Wesley Bryant,
MANAGING EDITOR

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◀ Boy Scouts of America at Bedford County Fair



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Bedford County Fair turns silver: Celebrating 25 years of fun, food, and farming!

The fair looks at the past, present, and future.

By Tina Neeley // Photography by Ashleigh Newnes

IT WAS absent for more than 65 years. There were no blue ribbons, midways, cotton candy, or prized livestock competitions. Multiple generations missed the experience of a local county fair until two men shared a vision of its return.

Carter Woodruff and the late Maurice Armstrong shared a way of life deeply rooted in agriculture. Each envisioned a return of the county fair, recognizing the importance of connecting the community with the farming work and lives it sustains.

Woodruff said, “The primary [goal] was building upon that agricultural heritage — the rich agrarian history of the past and present. Bedford County is a strong agricultural county; it’s a predominant industry. And we talked about how young people, even in a county like ours, are seeming to lose grasp of our agricultural roots.”

Bedford County’s first fair was a three-day event held in October 1857. The following year a five-day fair was held, and if the results noted in “Who, When, and What - Bedford County Fairs Vol. 1” by Roy Sonny Ferguson

are any indication, it was a great success. The Bedford County Agricultural and Mechanical Association handed out awards for everything from apples to worsted sunbonnets.

The last fair location was in the area known today as Fairground Heights, and the fair continued there until a fire destroyed the facilities in 1933. Agricultural education lost its greatest platform until the spark that began with Woodruff and Armstrong’s conversation grew into a flame that ignited the return of the fair to Bedford County in 1998.

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Fair exhibition entries and awards will be proudly displayed, and livestock shows will bring the best of the best to town. You may find returning events such as a beekeeping show, truck and tractor pull, antique tractor pull, and a pull for mini rods, outlaws, and garden tractors. Don't forget the poultry show, country pleasure horse show, sheep show, donkey and mini mule show, goat show, and mule and draft horse show.

Wander the midway and take in the familiar sights and sounds of the thrilling rides and games of chance. As the Ring of Fire and Ferris wheel light up the night sky, follow the sweet aroma to the funnel cakes and cotton candy. Watch the children's faces light up as they swoosh down the giant slide and take in the magic of the event.

Need a break? Stop at the entertainment stage and enjoy area talent. Country music and cloggers are at home here, and you will be, too.

What about the next 25 years?

Woodruff said, "The goal is to continue our understanding of our rich heritage, now and in the future, in a venue where families can safely experience good things and enjoy themselves."

Experience it yourself, and join us as we celebrate 25 years of the fair's return to the community! **GN**

For more information, see the fair's Facebook page or visit bedfordcountytfair.org. The fairgrounds are located at 2119 Midland Rd., Shelbyville, or call (931) 684-0760.



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First Community Bank celebrates 35 years by donating \$35,000 to local nonprofits.

The celebration is community in motion.

By Tina Neeley // Photos submitted by Amanda Dodson

D ICTIONARY ENTRIES identify “community” as a noun, but community at its best is an action verb. Shelbyville’s First Community Bank (FCB) has put community at the heart of its mission for 35 years and recently celebrated by furthering its commitment to improving lives in Bedford County.

Kayla Hilliard, marketing assistant at FCB, recalled that their initial brainstorming didn’t produce any ideas that complemented the bank’s mission.

She said, “We collaboratively brainstormed and decided to reflect on the

message we wanted to convey. Our aim was to recognize the individuals who have positively impacted our community alongside us rather than solely focusing on ourselves. So that’s where we went back to our roots, values, and founding principles. What were we founded on? Service. This was a recurring theme in our discussions, and this is where our vision began to take shape. With numerous employees serving on various boards, we have established connections within the community and knew there was a need that would affect several of our local nonprofits.”



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-FCB Chief Executive Officer Scott Cocanougher

These connections included ones with Bedford County’s United Way and the knowledge that our 16 nonprofits in the local chapter would not receive funding this year due to organizational changes. The 35 for 35 Anniversary Celebration was the perfect opportunity to give back in appreciation for FCB’s past success.

Speaking of the past, FCB celebrated on April 20 at King’s Old Central High School, where the memorabilia and treasures of Bedford County’s history testify to the community’s resilience and hope for our future.

“It was an exciting blend of teamwork and celebration, not only honoring ourselves but also shining a light on those who make a significant impact within our communities but often go unnoticed,” Hilliard said.

A \$35,000 donation was divided among the 16 organizations, resulting in a \$2,200 boost in a year without United Way’s contribution.

“We are focused on giving back to our community; it’s what we do,” Hilliard said.

FCB Chief Executive Officer Scott Cocanougher agrees.

He said, “We are proud to uphold the tradition and stay true to the values of First Community Bank by investing in nonprofits who invest so much into the citizens of Bedford County.”

With an appreciation of the past and an eye on the future, FCB invests in our community. **GN**

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▲ Lori Liggin, NP

Bedford County is home to award-winning health care.

Local professionals were recently recognized.

ONE OF the most significant accomplishments of health care professionals is patient satisfaction. Bedford County patients offered positive feedback, which resulted in awards to area professionals and facilities. Vanderbilt University Medical Center (VUMC) recently recognized four of its health care providers and three of its facilities in and around Bedford County for earning top scores in patient satisfaction.

The Excellence in Patient Experience award is given to those in the top 10% of a national survey conducted by the health care solutions and consultant company, Press Ganey. The survey was conducted from July 2021 through June 2022.

Systemwide, VUMC is recognizing 581 clinicians and 148 clinical areas for receiving high marks. Excellence in patient safety and care has always been a top priority for Vanderbilt Bedford Hospital (VBH). From July 2021 to June 2022, the hospital provided care to 960 inpatients, treated more than 17,000 patients in the emergency room, and performed 990 surgeries. VBH clinics had 31,930 visits.

The awards honor outstanding performance and commitment to service excellence in medical practice/clinics, inpatient, ambulatory surgery, outpatient services, and more. Awards were presented by Kristy Bugg, director of physician practices at VBH, and Bill Rich, president of VBH.

The award-winning facilities are the Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care in Unionville, Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care at Madison Street, and Vanderbilt Integrated Surgical Services in Bedford County.

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THE AWARD-WINNING HEALTH CARE PROVIDERS ARE:

- Lori Liggin, advanced practice registered nurse (APRN), who practices in the Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care in Unionville
- Navid Monajjem, MD, who practices in the Vanderbilt Integrated Surgical Services in Shelbyville
- Karyn Jones, APRN, who practices in the Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care Madison Street in Shelbyville
- Amber Archer, nurse practitioner, who practices in the Vanderbilt Integrated Primary Care in Shelbyville

VBH President Bill Rich said, “I want to thank all of our clinicians and facilities in Bedford, and especially this year’s recipients of the Excellence in Patient Experi-

ence awards, for their service and commitment to ensure every patient who walks through our doors has a pleasant and personalized care experience.”

VUMC is one of the nation’s leading academic medical centers and one of the Southeast’s largest comprehensive research, teaching, and patient care health systems. VUMC sees over 3 million patients per year in over 160 locations, discharging 70,000 inpatients and performing 80,000 surgical operations. The medical center is the largest non-governmental employer of Middle Tennessee citizens, with a staff of approximately 40,000.

President of Vanderbilt Regional Community Hospitals Travis Capers said, “In Bedford County and across the state, Vanderbilt providers and clinical service areas are putting patients and their families first.” GN

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◀ Carson Brandon and Bubba Shavers



A healing *Ride*

A promise kept honors
an enduring friendship.

By Tina Neeley

IT WAS just a red Jeep, but it was a vehicle for healing and processing grief for two Shelbyville families. It was a symbol of celebration of a well-lived life, and for Carson Brandon, it was a reminder that his friend, Duran Shavers, would not get to honor his promise of a ride in it. But Carson, who is on the autism spectrum, had an idea when he got the sad news that his friend had passed away.

Carson said, “I love you, Mr. Shavers. We never got to go ride in the Jeep, but maybe the other Mr. Shavers can take me!”

While Carson didn’t understand much about death and grief, he understood friendship perfectly, thanks to Mr. Shavers.

Good friends tend to share common interests, but what would a senior adult and a child on the autism spectrum have in common? When Mr. Shavers substituted in Carson’s first grade child development center class at Southside Elementary School one day, they connected instantly. Students designed special boxes to hold their Valentine’s Day treats, and Carson’s television box sparked conversation. Over the years to come, the two compared the size of their TVs and discussed their favorite shows.



▲ Carson and Mr. Duran Shavers at the Shining Stars pageant

◀ Bubba and Carson standing outside of Mr. Shavers red Jeep



PHOTOS SUBMITTED BY HEATHER BRANDON AND BUBBA SHAVERS

➤ A picture of what Carson has hanging on the wall beside his bed.

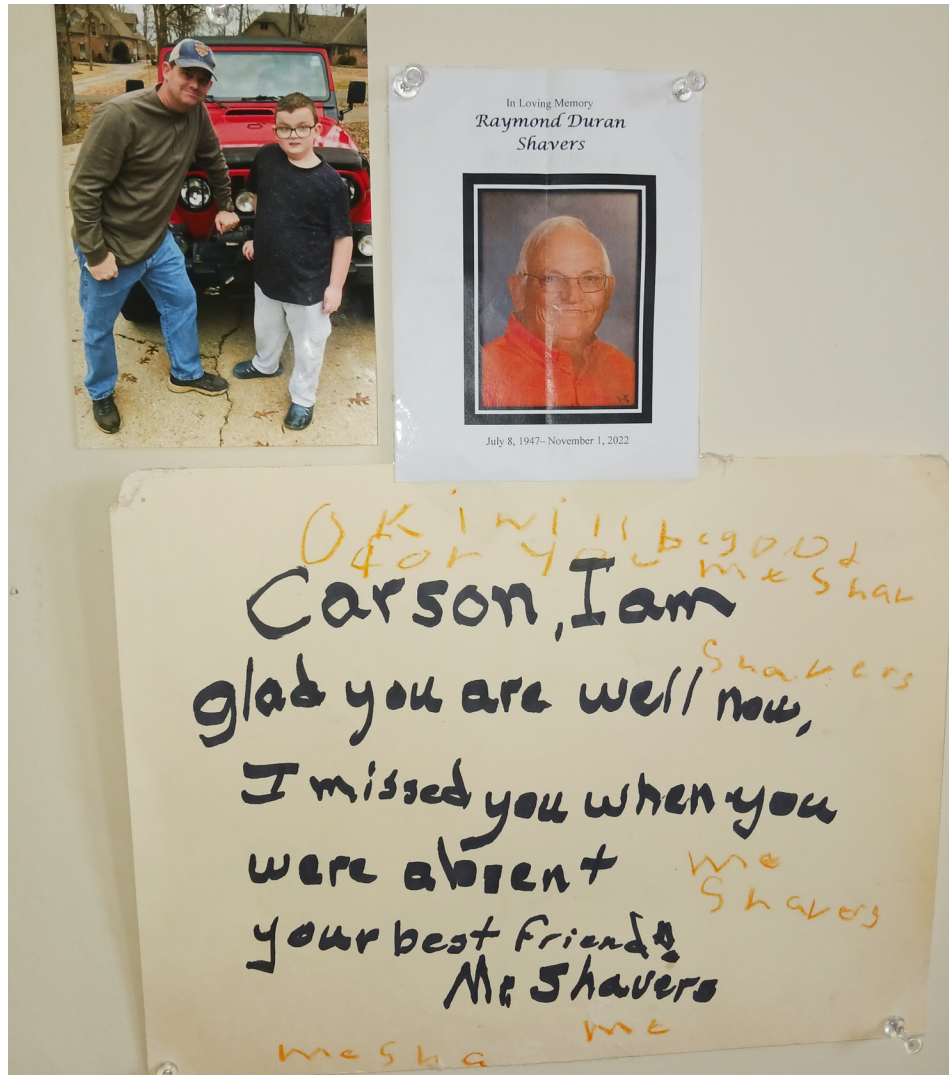


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Mr. Shavers understood the importance of mentoring young boys.

His son, “the other Mr. Shavers,” said, “He loved kids. He was a Boy Scout as a teenager and a Boy Scout leader for close to 50 years. We would take in other Scouters during Boy Scout camp, and sometimes they would have special needs, and it didn’t bother him a bit.”

As best friends do, Mr. Shavers stayed in contact with Carson, attended his birthday parties and special events, and saw him at school. The last time the two were together was at a Shining Stars pageant. Carson kept asking his mom if Mr. Shavers was coming, and she said when he walked through the door, Carson’s face lit up like it was the brightest shining face ever. She thinks Mr. Shavers’ face was the same way.

The lifetime Scout’s dedication and positive influence on the boyhood lives of so many was evident at his funeral.

The other Mr. Shavers said, “There were Boy Scouts at the funeral I never knew existed, and I was in Boy Scouts all my years growing up. And when the associate pastor spoke, he mentioned heroes, and it just struck me that my dad was a hero.”

Carson seconds that wholeheartedly and can show you Mr. Shavers’ picture on his hero board, a bulletin board in his room with photos of his heroes. It was the first place he went when his mom told him his friend had passed away.

There was no hesitation when the Shavers family heard about the promise to Carson. Carson would get his ride.

It was a ride they’ll never forget, filled with remembering and honoring all that was important in Mr. Shavers’ life and the friends’ shared moments.

“We rode around places where Dad would fish and hunt and some of the places that he and Carson talked about. Carson wanted to see the churches he had been to, and then I took him by where I grew up, over on Shadow Drive. I asked if he was hungry, so we went to Burger King. We had a good little ride,” the other Mr. Shavers said.

Carson agreed. “Mama,” he said, “I bet my best friend is smiling big, and I bet he’s proud of me and his son, Bubba!”

The Jeep continues to represent the special friendship.

Carson’s mom, Heather Brandon, said, “I knew the Jeep was going to be sold after Carson took his ride in it, so I told Carson when he came home that he wouldn’t get to ride in it anymore. He got so upset. But [the other Mr. Shavers and his family] gave Carson a diecast red Jeep just like Mr. Shavers’ Jeep, and that Jeep sits under the table in the



PHOTOGRAPHY BY ASHLEIGH NEWNES

living room. That's his and Mr. Shavers' Jeep, and he pretends they go riding in it every day."

Carson said, "I want to tell everyone that Mr. Shavers was the best friend to me. He loved watching TV, and he loved me, and I love and miss him! The other Mr. Shavers, Mr. Bubba, I know makes Mr. Shavers so proud up in heaven for taking me in the Jeep. It was the best day of my whole life. The only thing that would have made it better is if Mr. Shavers would have been with me and Mr. Bubba. I just miss him!"

Indeed Mr. Shavers was with them on their ride. **GN**

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I bet my best friend is smiling big, and I bet he's proud of me and his son, Bubba!

-Carson Brandon

The face of Hope

Gene Williams just wants to help.

By Tina Neeley // Photography by Ashleigh Newnes

IN THE '50s, Gene Williams and his parents watched helplessly as flood waters rose in and around their Shelbyville Big Springs home. Williams remembers clearly the relief and feelings of hope that arrived with the National Guardsmen who took them to safety with each flood.

"That always stuck in my mind. They came to help us, and I wanted to help, too. Seeing the personal experience of the tragedy stayed with me," Williams said.

It was a desire that never left him.

His mother, Catherine, was a living picture of dedication and sacrifice. Although she only lived until Williams was 17, she instilled in him a strong work ethic and a heart for others. She taught him to put the needs of others before his and to believe he could accomplish more than he could imagine, reaching far beyond the stars.

His mother would be so proud to know that many recognize Williams as the face of hope and help today. As a volunteer with the Red Cross for nearly 20 years, Williams drops everything and responds when disaster strikes. There are no holidays, weekends, or days off. Tornadoes, house fires, flooding, and other devastating losses strike without warning, and the impact of such tragedies is breathtaking. Knowing where to start is beyond overwhelming. Hope begins when Williams and volunteers like him show up, so recovery can begin.

He said, "Through the years, I've run into many people that I remember. They say, 'You came and helped me through my tragedy.' It may have been 10 years ago, but they're still thankful and grateful."

Williams always felt he needed to help others, but when Hurricane Katrina hit, he felt it stronger than ever. He knew God was





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pushing him and telling him he couldn't stay here without action. He had to go to New Orleans and help those affected by the massive hurricane.

Williams said, "So [when Katrina hit], I just showed up at the Red Cross shelter and told them I wanted to help. That was it. I began training and worked my way to where I am today."

Today, Williams is a volunteer responding to eight Tennessee counties out of his chapter at the drop of a hat. He works part time at the Winners Circle in Shelbyville and appreciates the flexibility the owners still extend him, allowing him to go whenever he's called.

Williams said many people associate the Red Cross with blood donations, but, he said, it's about so much more. It's even about more than offering financial aid and a helping hand in a time of great loss. It's giving hope and direction in a time of shock.

"We need more volunteers. I wish people could realize and understand it's about serving others. Give of yourself, volunteer, and don't look for rewards. I feel called to serve more than any other work I do. To serve voluntarily, you have to put yourself aside and just do it," he said.

Another tie to his service life is the sense of community engrained in him from his early childhood when he lived in the Shelbyville Mills community. His father, Robert, moved to Shelbyville with his brother and sister to work in the mill during its early days. A self-sufficient community grew around the mill, and families worked, worshiped, studied, and played to-

gether. This love of caring for and serving others in the community fosters Williams's volunteer projects in the Shelbyville community today.

He's the museum curator at the Fly Arts Center, delivers meals-on-wheels, is a Bedford County Historical Society board member, and organizes the Field of Heroes Memorial Day program at Willow Mount Cemetery. He is the 2010 Shelbyville-Bedford County Chamber of Commerce Deery Eakin Volunteer of the Year. He received the 2013 Governor's 3-Star Award and the President's Volunteer Service Award by AmeriCorps in recognition of his commitment to strengthening our nation and communities through volunteer service.

He is ready to help at a moment's notice, but the depth of the devastation he sometimes sees is challenging to carry. Thankfully, he has help that enables him to be a helper to others.

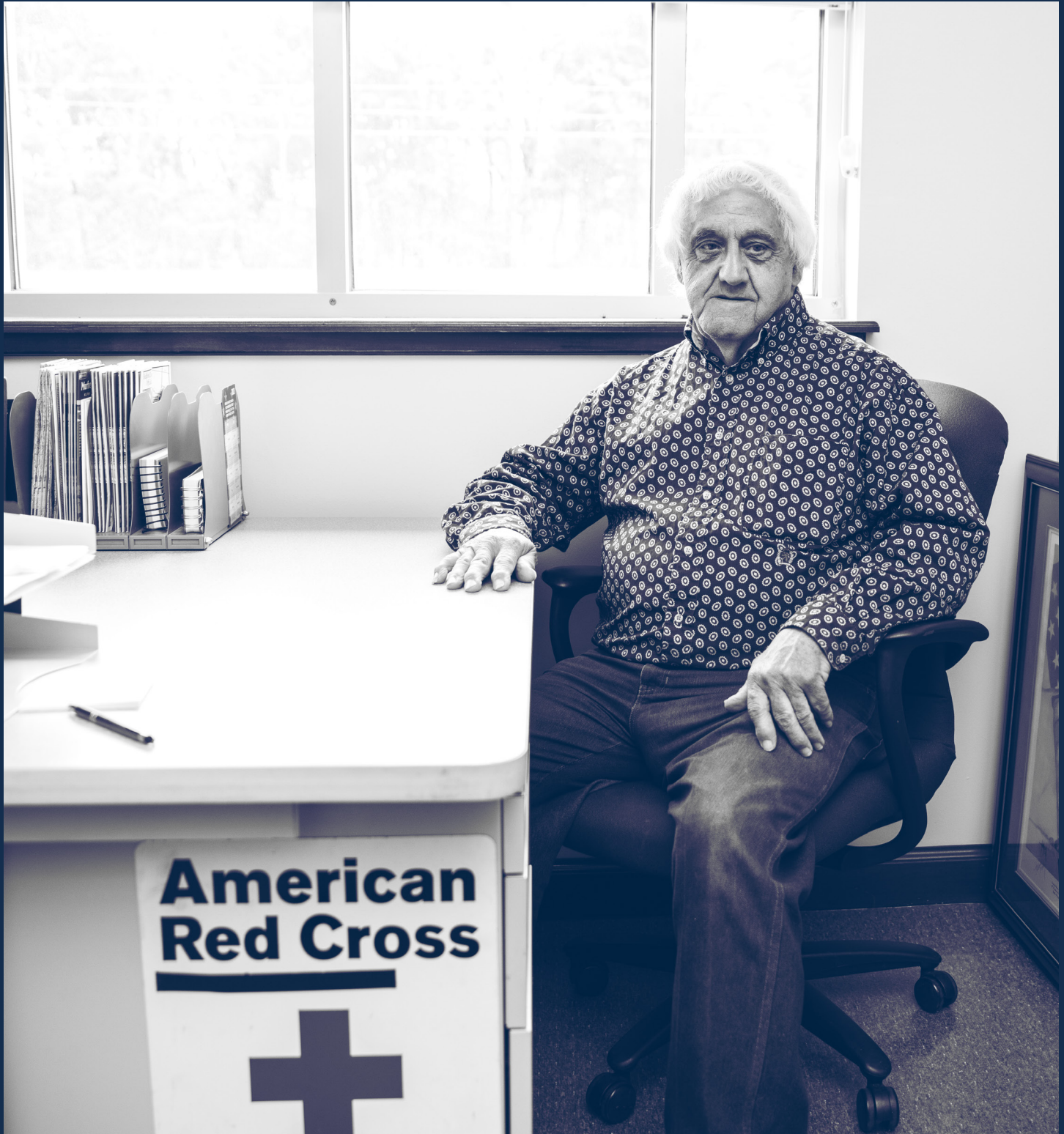
Williams said, "God just lifts me up. He takes me by the hand and lifts me up — like when we went to Readyville after the tornado. People there lost everything. You walk up to these people, and it's pretty hard to handle, but God gives me the strength and words to encourage them and help brighten their day. God gives me strength, and Snoopy encourages me to do more than I'm humanly capable of doing. God has blessed me over the years."

Serving God and serving others, Williams just wants to help and fulfill God's mission and plans for his life to serve humanity. For so many, he is the face of hope. **GN**

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▲ Joseph Ruzicka and Gene Williams





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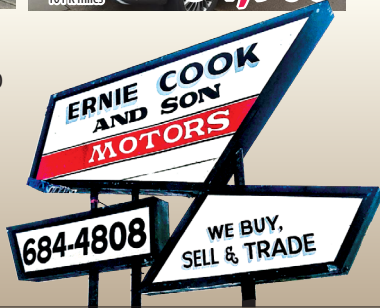
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SETTING THE BAR HIGH FOR SUCCESS

By Tina Neeley

Photography by Ashleigh Newnes

Mother and son team up to sell more than clothes and toys.



MOST OF us have shopped online with Facebook groups or Etsy stores, excited to find unique gifts or treats for ourselves. We often have no personal contact with the seller but identify with their brands, styles, and prices. The impact of our purchases is relatively unknown.

For years, Katie Hallum sold boutique clothing and accessories more for fun than financial security. When the pandemic hit and impacted her regular job, the single mom knew it was time to make it her full-time job.

She expanded from online to a booth at North Main Marketplace in Shelbyville. Naturally, her son, Henry, went with her to stock and style her booths but was bored hanging out while she worked.

Katie had an idea — a booth for Henry. It wasn't just a booth geared to kids his age with Henry's name on it, but a booth owned and managed by Henry.

She said, "If he had something to sell, he would have something to do with me. And it became very popular because I have a group that shops with me, and many of them are just like me with kids his age."



▲ Henry and Katie Hallum



So with Henry's feedback, Katie ordered inventory for his booth.

"I try to get his input as much as I can on what he wants to order because I think he has a better opinion of what kids his age are going to like," said Katie. "He'll go in [to his booth] and set it up, and he'll do little videos that I'll post on Facebook of him showing everybody what it is."

Henry's Fun Shop carries books, toys, graphic tees, and holiday items, among other cool things for kids his age. What began as something for him to do while his mother worked turned into a lesson in owning and managing a business.

Katie said, "We talk a lot about the money side of it so that he can understand how business works. I tell him how much

his product costs and how much he'll sell it for. I remind him he's going to put on the tags or ask if he's going to ship an order out today and remind him if I'm going to do it, he will have to pay me to do the work for him. So he's learned what an expense is and what retail versus wholesale is as much as he can understand it. He knows the more work he puts in, the more money he will get in his savings account. And the more work I do, the less he will get, so it's definitely been a good teaching moment, as far as being an entrepreneur and learning how a business works," she said.

With a mission to bring you cute, affordable clothes, no matter what stage of life you're in, Katie offers clothes from small to 3X.

"I've always tried to offer super affordable casual mom clothes. I try not to make anything over \$40; usually, nothing's over \$30. I ask myself before I buy anything if I'm willing to pay this much for something. If I'm not going to do it, I won't ask anybody else to do it. And I try really hard to save people shipping by offering to put purchases in their mailbox or letting them pick them up at North Main because when I start to check out somewhere, and the shipping is over \$10, I'm not doing it," she said.

The community's support has been priceless to Katie. Customers have become lifelong friends who feel good about spending their money with her and supporting local businesses. She's found that people are trying to spend less money at large online stores and are spending their money locally to support their community. It's something she appreciates even more as a single mom.

She loves working in a business with her son while building special friendships and connections with the community, putting Katie and her son in the middle of something wonderful. The two enjoy giving back to the community, which she hopes sticks with Henry as he grows up. They've sponsored fundraisers for local organizations and made every effort to donate to auctions raising money for local needs. Henry held a fundraiser through sales in his booth for Evelyn Jefferson following her emergency brain surgery.

Katie said, "The shop has always been really special and important to me. I named it after my son, Henry, and now he gets to do his part with me. I hope we can always do it together and that someday Henry can do something with it without me. I can pass it along to him if he wants to continue doing something with it."

Katie passes along value for her customers' dollars. Her customers pass their support along to her and Henry, and a business succeeds with a chance of becoming a generational store serving customers in every season of life.

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- Katie Hallum

FLOUR AND FAITH

By Tina Neeley

Photography by Ashleigh Newnes

Morgan Bargers connects with families' hearts and souls.

AT 15, a cake decorating course for her birthday started it all. Through it, Morgan Bargers discovered a natural talent for baked creations too pretty to eat. Buttercream icing, fondant, and cupcake liners paved the road to Mouth of the South Bakery shortly after that.

But first, college. The criminal justice major soon switched to culinary school, a good mix of everything creative she loves to do. Math and science, her favorite subjects, were also ingredients, and she knew she wanted to be her own boss.

"So it was just the perfect mix, I think. No pun intended," she laughed.

Pies at Thanksgiving while still in college kick-started her baking career. "Who doesn't like pies?" she thought. So she took orders on her Facebook page, and the response was positive.

"It was amazing," she said. "So many people ordered — friends, family, family friends, people I went to school with. It was humbling to get that kind of support right out of the gate."

From there, Mouth of the South Bakery became a part of our family celebrations, special occasions, and sweet tooth cravings. She's baked in her college apartment, home, and storefronts. Today, you'll find her creative treats at North Main Marketplace.

"I really liked the idea of celebrating with people, going through life's stages with them. I started with several brides, and I've been able to do their baby showers, gender reveals, and their children's first birthday cakes. I've kind of grown up with them [and] with their kids, and I think that's a cool part of it," Bargers said.

While she loves the decorated, fancy cakes and cookies, she said it's hard to beat treats that are just homey, like chess pies. For



Bargers, these bring to mind Southern hospitality and memories of her grandmother teaching her to make mashed potatoes as a little girl. Good food is always part of our favorite memories.

Many clients have done business with her from the beginning and continue to shop with her at the marketplace.

“I’ve had a very, very loyal clientele, and I’m grateful for it,” Bargers said.

She describes her space at the marketplace as a mini bakery, which she strives to keep stocked. As she balances the bakery and special orders, customers bear with her patiently.

Thursdays on Bargers’s calendar are reserved for the highlight of her week when she trades her apron for a seat behind a desk at First Choice Pregnancy Counseling Center in Shelbyville.

“Cakes and cookies are great,” Bargers said, “but I felt like God was calling me to do a little something different. About that time, Angela Rasnick, the First Choice director, happened to come in, and I asked if they needed volunteers. She said they always need volunteers. I turned in my application and started the next week.”

Bargers is a client advocate, connecting clients with resources and assisting them with the center’s Earn While You Learn program. The educational program covers everything from pregnancy to the baby’s first year, financial practices, relationship matters, and

healing from abuse. Clients earn baby bucks they can spend in the center’s baby boutique as they progress through the modules.

Here, Bargers connects with families, too.

“We go over whatever the lesson was about that week, and I just talk with them and pray with them. I think that my favorite part is hearing their stories. I love catching up with them every week,” she said.

Her time at the center has affirmed what she believed she heard God calling her to do. She’s going back to school to become certified in biblical counseling but will continue baking.

“I feel like I’ve had a longing for a while to do more. I couldn’t tell you the last time I had so much peace about a decision; I’m excited about it,” Bargers said. “I turned 30 this year. When you’re 20, you think you have everything figured out and everything will be smooth. We all know that doesn’t usually happen. I think my path is more clear than ever before. Life goes by so quickly. And I don’t want to get so caught up in this life that I forget about what I can be doing to serve people for eternity.”

Whether through her sweet confections or counseling at the center, Bargers is at home serving others.

“I just want to brag on God. I’ve lived a good amount of life in my short life, and God’s carried me through all of it. He’s blessed me far beyond what I deserve,” she said. **GN**



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- Morgan Bargers



COUNTDOWN TO LIFTOFF

By Tina Neeley

Photography by Ashleigh Newnes
and submitted by Madison Martin

Shelbyville native works to return us to the moon and beyond.

NOVEMBER 16, 2022. Countless viewers watched as the Artemis 1 Orion spacecraft stood at attention with an eye beyond the sky and waited patiently for the final countdown to lift off. As the countdown neared zero, Artemis launch director Charlie Blackwell-Thompson said, “The harder the climb, the better the view.” Upon hearing this, Madison Martin knew in her heart today that they would launch.

Long before liftoff, Martin’s climb to a seat at one of the launch control center consoles clearing the takeoff began.

She came from a household that valued brains over beauty, although Martin and her sister possessed both. She embraced their wise instruction early and kept in the back of her mind throughout her education that she’d need to be smart to make it in life. In her early days of college, her career choice began to come into focus.

“Growing up, my father did controls engineering. I had a passion for science and math at a very young age, but I never put two and two together until a career fair at the University of Memphis during my freshman year. I walked out of there thinking I could do engineering; there’s no reason I can’t,” said Martin. “So I called my dad and said, ‘Hey, Dad, how do you feel about me doing electrical engineering?’ And he paused for a moment, then said, ‘That’s a very hard major. Do you think you can do it?’ And I said, ‘Well, yeah, I can do it.’ I have always had high ambitions, and I’ve always been very competitive, so the thought of achieving something like that was kind of my driving factor, but also having a passion for science.”

Her passion for science and math was ignited in ninth grade. Martin jokes that Kelly Weiss’ physical science class may have





▲ Madison Martin and her former teacher, Kelly Weise

been the hardest science class she took, but she influenced the trajectory of Martin's future.

"She had such a passion for teaching, and she had a passion for us learning different things about science. And that sparked my interest in physical science and eventually led me down the path of electrical engineering," Martin said.

Melissa Barrett, her algebra one and advanced algebra teacher, advised Martin to take advanced algebra instead of calculus. The advice proved invaluable as she worked through her college courses.

"While other people were taking calculus, I felt like I was behind, but she really instilled some of the fundamentals of algebra and the advanced fundamentals that I needed to get through some of those [college] calculus and math classes.

Without the skills she really honed in on, I don't know how I would have made it through college math," said Martin. "I would love to shout out tons of others because there are tons of others that really sparked that passion for math and science and for learning in general. I love each and every one of them for it."

An internship with Carrier Corporation in Collierville during her final year led to a full-time position following graduation. As the pace of the job increased, Martin considered broader opportunities. She ran across a job at Kennedy Space Center in Florida and quickly applied.

"Within a couple of hours, the director of engineering for the contract company that I applied for contacted me personally



“I never once thought I might sit at a console at Kennedy Space Center for the next rocket launch for NASA.”

- Madison Martin

and asked if I wanted to set up an interview. I thought, ‘Oh my gosh, I’m interviewing at Kennedy Space Center. This is so cool.’ A couple of days later, they called me and told me I had been accepted. So then, of course, my life flipped upside down.”

Seizing the opportunity of a lifetime, Martin never imagined her electrical engineering degree choice would take her to the Kennedy Space Center, but it quickly did.

“If it weren’t for Carrier giving me the skills I needed in controls engineering and with some of the software I learned there, I wouldn’t have been a fit for the job. So I always think that things happen in mysterious ways.”

And what a job it turned out to be!

Martin and her teammates work on the Artemis 1 mission, the world’s only spacecraft designed to carry humans to deep space and return them to the moon. She is part of a dedicated exploration ground systems team working hand in hand with launch and mission control personnel. In fact, Martin was personally responsible for making a call to scrub the April 3, 2022, wet dress rehearsal of the Artemis 1 Orion spacecraft launch.

She said, “I would have never ever dreamed I would come to be an engineer in such a small niche. You go into electrical engineering thinking you’ll do power, or you might work in a manufacturing plant or be a consultant. I never once thought I might sit at a console at Kennedy Space Center for the next rocket launch for NASA.”

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Martin sat at her console as Artemis lifted off on November 16, 2022, at 1:47 a.m.

“There were times in my college career that I wanted to give up. And I would call my mom, of course, and she’d say, ‘You can do it; just keep going.’ I’m very lucky that I had very supportive parents who gave me that platform as a young child to believe I can do anything I put my mind to.” GN



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As tempting as it was, I didn't order the fajitas but opted for a chicken burrito with cheese sauce. It quickly arrived, and words cannot explain just how large this burrito was. With a steak knife sticking out of it as cheese sauce dripped off the sides, I took my first cut. The smell of fajita vegetables inside with rice and

chicken was outstanding, the pinnacle of Mexican cuisine. There should be a challenge to eat an entire burrito in one sitting. Needless to say, I didn't finish the burrito and had at least half left over to take home with me for later.

From the familiar ambiance, the chips with freshly made salsa, or the gargantuan-sized dishes, you'll love La Fiesta Grande just as much as I did. Seeing a successful restaurant finally returning to this location is so refreshing. So, let's come together, as Shelbyville does, and help make our new friends successful. You're sure to be satisfied with their daily specials and expansive menu. Come hungry, leave stuffed, and make room in the fridge for some leftovers. Also, follow along on Facebook to see their daily specials and mouthwatering dishes. **GN**

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The beauty of community

Bedford County's Fairest of the Fair brings together contestants for beloved event.

By Kali Bradford // Photos submitted by Brandi Smith

BEDFORD COUNTY FAIR beauty pageants are a long-held American tradition. To this day, they remain popular and draw a large crowd of family and friends to support those on stage. For many, it is a rite of passage that offers the experience of a lifetime.

Celebrating its 25th year is the Bedford County Fair beauty pageant, Fairest of the Fair. Running as long as the fair, the pageant has stood the test of time and continues to be one of the six-day event's most attended and unique parts.

Heading up the special event is the pageant coordinator, Brandi Smith. Smith has been with the fair for 16 years.

"My sister won Fairest of the Fair in 2006," said Smith. "An opening became available to head the pageant, and my mother stepped into the role after spending time with the pageant due to my sister being queen. I helped her from the beginning, and eventually, my mother got on the fair board and started attending more events. I then took over the pageant as



▲ Sherri Potts, Stephanie Taylor, Tonya Preston, and Cindy Pascal



▲ Joan Pimentel

a volunteer, and then I also became a member of the fair board as well.”

Smith said she loves helping contestants have fun through the entire process. She said fair pageants can instill a sense of confidence and joy for those involved.

“I love getting to do something that’s fun for the community,” she said. “Watching the contestants transform in their dresses, along with smiling from all the fun they are having. It’s great to have everyone together enjoying something positive.”

Participating ages for the pageant include newborns through 50-plus. Typically not in most pageants, Smith said they added what she has lovingly deemed the “Golden Girl” category in loving memory of Joan Pimentel. Pimentel was a dedicated fair board member who was also in support of the pageant.

“Joan always sat on the front row of the pageant, and she would always tell me that if I had a pageant for older women, she would participate in it,” explained Smith. “When she was diagnosed with cancer, I decided to add the “Golden Girls” in her honor. We continue that category each year in her remembrance.”

With around 100 contestants participating in the pageant each year, Smith said the true success of the pageant lies with the contestants themselves. She added that their courage to walk on stage and prepare for their big moment while they face fears and doubts head-on is inspiring. Win or lose, she feels everyone who takes part comes away feeling inspired by their determination and perseverance.

The Fairest of the Fair will begin at 11 a.m. on Saturday, July 8, and run throughout the day, concluding around 6 p.m. For more information on Bedford County’s Fairest of the Fair, visit online at bedfordcountytfnfair.org. **GN**

PAGEANT SCHEDULE

11 a.m.	Precious Miss (0-11 months)
11:30 a.m.	Baby Miss (12-23 months)
12 p.m.	Toddler Miss (2-3 years)
12:30 p.m.	Tiny Miss (4-5 years)
1 p.m.	Petite Miss (6-7 years)
1:30 p.m.	Little Miss (8-10 years)
2 p.m.	Junior Miss (11-12 years)
3 p.m.	Ms./Mrs. Bedford Supreme (21-49 years, single or married)
3:30 p.m.	Golden Girl – In memory of Joan Pimentel (50-plus years, single or married)
4 p.m.	Young Miss Bedford County Fair (13-15 years)
4:30 p.m.	Past Queen Reunion
5 p.m.	Miss Bedford County Fairest of the Fair (16-20 years)

COMMUNITY EVENTS



▲ Layla Shreve and Maddie Cleek



▶ Levi Hendrick, Raine Sims, and Jonathan Loawwell

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▶ Tori Martin, Sharon Sorrells, Wendy Martin, and Judi Beasley



▲ Carol Jean and Amber Chapman

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June 19

TBA **TN State 4-H Show**

The Celebration
Grounds
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For more information
contact Aaron Fischer
(865) 974-7260.

June 21

10:30 am **Tom Mason & the Blue Buccaneers**

Fly Cultural Arts Center
204 S. Main St.
Shelbyville

Pirate sing-alongs for
grades K-5.

For more information
contact Shelbyville-
Bedford County Public
Library (931) 684-7323.

June 24

10:00 am **Wizard Escape Room for Families**

Bedford County
Public Library
220 S. Jefferson St.
Shelbyville

The escape room is
available for 45-minute
sessions and free to
register. Registration is
required by Thursday,
June 22.

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June 25

8:00 pm Vive Chihuahua Fest 2023
 Calsonic Arena
 721 Whitthorne St.
 Shelbyville

June 27

10:30 pm Sensory-Friendly Storytime
 Bedford County Public Library
 220 S. Jefferson St.
 Shelbyville

Hosted by Spectrum Friends, a nonprofit organization whose mission is to provide resources to Tennessee communities in order to promote inclusion of autistic individuals.

June 28

10:30 am Mr. Bond's Science Guys
 Fly Cultural Arts Center
 204 S. Main St.
 Shelbyville

The Science Guys are coming to Shelbyville to show us some fun electromagnetic experiments.

For more information contact Shelbyville-Bedford County Public Library (931) 684-7323.

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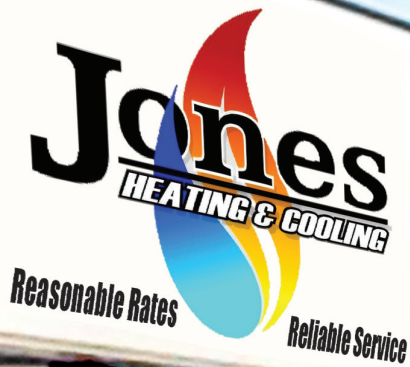
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